

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP

Wednesday, October 13, 1999
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Ocotillo Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Michael Branham, Surprise, Chair
Bruce Meyers, Arizona Department of
Administration
Michael Eagan, American Society of Landscape
Architects
Mickey Ohland, Chandler
Tami Ryall, Gilbert
*Richard Janke, Glendale
Aaron Iverson, Maricopa County

Steve Hancock, Mesa
Tracy Stevens, Peoria
Lorry Kuiper, Phoenix Planning Department
Ben Leonard for Mark Melnychenko, Phoenix
Transit
Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA
Jorie Bresnahan, Scottsdale
Eric Iwersen, Tempe

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dawn M. Coomer, MAG
Jerene Watson, Goodyear

1. Call to Order

Chairman Mike Branham called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the August 27, 1999 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group

Steve Hancock moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 27, 1999. Eric Iwersen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

No audience was present to address the Working Group.

4. MAG Staff Report

Dawn Coomer provided an overview of upcoming projects, including the Regional Off-Street System Plan, West Valley Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor Plan and transportation enhancement funds. Three proposals were received for the ROSS plan. The review committee would be conducting

interviews on Friday. The West Valley Corridor Plan was proceeding, and the Regional Council has approved the consultant team of Entranco. The date of the state Transportation Enhancement Review Committee has been set for December 8, 9 and 10. The location will be in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

5. Update on Transportation Review Committee Activities

Dawn Coomer mentioned that the TRC would be ranking projects at their next meeting on November 2, 1999. A contingency meeting had been set for November 23rd if needed to rank projects.

6. Pedestrian Conference Update

Maureen Mageau-DeCindis provided a status report of planning activities for the Bicycling and Walking into the 21st Century Conference Series, including the agenda, speakers, sponsors. She added that a location would be determined shortly and that providing information in newsletters may help to increase attendance. She asked for assistance from the Working Group to name newsletters whose readers would be interested in the Conference.

7. MAG Regional Pedestrian Plan 2000 Update

Dawn Coomer provided an update of the Pedestrian Plan 2000. The draft plan will be distributed to all members of the Working Group and the stakeholders next Tuesday. A special meeting will be held on October 27, 1999 jointly with the stakeholders to discuss comments on the draft Plan.

A. Emission Reduction Assessment of Proposed CMAQ Projects

The Working Group joined the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee for this agenda item. Cari Anderson, MAG staff, provided some information. Based upon new Federal Highway Administration guidance, MAG staff has conducted an emission reduction assessment for proposed Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) projects submitted for the MAG FY 2001-2005 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Working Group will be asked to consider this information when reviewing projects submitted for inclusion in the TIP. This information will also be considered by the TRC when reviewing projects.

8. Review of Federally-Funded Pedestrian Projects Submitted for the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

MAG is currently reviewing potential projects to be funded with FY 2001-2005 MAG federal funds. Estimates of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds (CMAQ) are: FY 2003 - \$15 million, FY 2004 - \$21 million, and FY 2005 - \$21 million. After review and discussion of the projects, the Working Group decided on the following ranking of projects:

1	MAG	Pedestrian Design Assistance FY 2001
2	Avondale	Las Ligas Phase 1
3	Tempe	Curry Road
4	Peoria	Grand Avenue
5	MAG	Pedestrian Design Assistance FY 2002
6	Tempe	University Drive
7	Avondale	Las Ligas Phase 2
8	MAG	Pedestrian Design Assistance FY 2003
9	Tempe	College, Alameda to Superstition, Phase 1
10	Avondale	Rio Vista Neighborhood
11	Tempe	College Avenue, Apache to Alameda, Phase 2
12	MAG	Pedestrian Design Assistance, FY 2004
13	MAG	Pedestrian Design Assistance, FY 2005

Eric Iwersen requested that the College Avenue project be broken into 2 phases. Eric moved to recommend the above ranking of projects to the Transportation Review Committee, including the phasing of the College Avenue project. Bruce Meyers seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Next Meeting Date

The Pedestrian Working Group will meet on October 27, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. with the Pedestrian Plan Stakeholders to discuss the draft MAG Pedestrian Plan 2000 and approve the consultant selection for the ROSS plan.. The Working Group will also meet on November 10 at 2:00 p.m. to approve the MAG Pedestrian Plan.